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This notice constitutes a timely response to the final rejection has been filed.

Please charge the appeal fee of \$320, any processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17, and any other necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 16-2480 in the name of The Procter & Gamble Company, Patent Division. An additional copy of this Notice is enclosed for that purpose.

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